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About the accident: At Energy Block No. 4 of Chernobyl NPS

Urgent Report

On 04/26/86 at 1:21 AM during the decommissioning of energy block No. 4 of the Chernobyl NPS during planned maintenance, after the reactor had been stopped, there was an explosion in the upper part of the reactor compartment.

According to the director of Chernobyl NPS the explosion caused the collapse of roofs and parts of the wall paneling of the reactor compartment, several panels of the roof in the machine hall and a unit of the auxiliary systems of the reactor compartment, and also a roof fire.

At 3:30 AM the fire was extinguished.

Measures are being taken by the staff to cool down the active zone of the reactor.

In the opinion of the three main administrators under the USSR Ministry of Health, the adoption of special measures, including evacuating the population from the city, is unnecessary.

Nine operational personnel and 25 paramilitary fire protection personnel were hospitalized.

Measures are being taken to eliminate the consequences and investigate the incident.

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